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**Poppy Day--Memorial to Our Dead, Living Heroes**

By MRS. JAMES MORRIS, Past National President

Twenty-five million Memorial poppies worn over loyal American hearts on Poppy Day in remembrance and gratitude! Two million dollars contributed in one royal gesture by a compassionate and generous America to the unselfish welfare program of the American Legion and its Auxiliary! What a memorial tribute to America's dead and disabled heroes of the World Wars!

The crepe paper poppy of the American Legion Auxiliary is a nation's memorial to its dead and living heroes, as they bloom over remembering hearts on Poppy Day—for here in America we have built up the tradition that where patriotic Americans live in greatest numbers, there, our veteran-made, memorial poppies are seen blooming in greatest abundance.

Behind white hospital walls, they of the crippled hands and legs and broken bodies have made of the Poppy of Flanders' Fields something more than a glowing mass of color heaped each thirtieth of May upon the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington as a symbol of our gratitude to our heroic dead. They have made of the crepe paper poppy—a symbol of courage—to live. Perhaps never again, for them, will the drums beat and the bugles call to speed their shoulder to shoulder with marching comrades. The hands that held aloft Liberty's flaming torch and wielded the sword that peace might conquer and democracy reign, are today fashioning poppies, bright red banners of courage, which lead to the land of self-support and self-respect. The scarlet petals are not mere slips of tissue at all, but gay flags to signal pennies into their pockets and the wee, small stamens are wands to transform bleak, dragging hours into hurrying, sunshiny minutes.

These poppies, blooming in

**Fashion Show, Plays Spark Halldale PTA Meeting 10th**

Halldale PTA members enjoyed an interesting and varied program at Thursday's regular meeting.

The program opened with orchestra selections conducted by Mrs. Ruth Adams and Patsy McNeese respectively.

Mrs. Fred Schimmel, program chairman, then presented a fashion show featuring formal, afternoon dresses, robes and school clothes, all made by PTA mothers.

Appearing in the show were: Neil Reese, Tami Sue Schimmel, Curtis Schimmel, Sharon Neuman, Margaret Abel, Linda Thayne, Jeanette Wright, Patsy McNeese, Nancy Morrison and Mesdames C. C. DeVore, John Deligne Jr., John Andrade, T. W. Sanders, George Neuman and W. L. Harvey.

Under direction of Mrs. John Blackmon and Mrs. M. D. Hebert, the Afterschool Dramatic Club presented two one-act plays. The first, "Pussy Pearl's Narrow Escape," featured Barbara Hebert, Nadine Taylor, George Yarbro and Edward Bernardin. The second, "Little Red Riding Hood," featured Gnelle Yarbro, Marjane McNally, Stephen Blackmon and Ricky Bernardin. Bobby Wolf was master of ceremonies.

Mrs. C. C. DeVore, president-elect, reported on her trip to the San Diego state PTA con-

**Red Cross Blood Bank Successful**

Torrance Branch American Red Cross, in conjunction with Los Angeles Chapter, conducted a most successful blood bank earlier this month at General Petroleum Corporation's Torrance plant. 255 blood donors, all GP employees, gave their blood under the supervision of their plant manager, Mr. Frank Coffin, and the Red Cross.

Torrance Blood Bank chairman is Mrs. Nina Eastroy, who was assisted by Captain Chairman Mrs. Selma Keefe and Staff Aid Chairman Mrs. Bette Howard. Assisting Mrs. Keefe were Mesdames Margaret Felker, Garnet Johnston and Della Page, and rs. Howard's assistants were Mesdames Eliclyn Sears, Martha Coburn, Phyllis Lamb, Jay Curtiss and Virginia Jones.

Plans are being made by the Torrance branch for a blood bank in June at Minnesota Mining & Milling Corp.

A public blood bank will be held at the Civic Auditorium on September 27, it was announced.

**Soroptimist Activities**

Current problems being encountered in carrying on the present educational system were told members of the Harbor District Soroptimist Club at their weekly luncheon meeting last Wednesday.

Addressing club members was Miss Frances Stephan, principal of Dana Junior High School.

Miss Edna Whitlow, club president, directed the order of business. It was decided that the monthly dinner meeting will be held on May 23, a week early. The event will be held in the home of Mrs. Edith Smith Carvagher, 25119 Narbonne avenue, Lomita, and will feature an address by Mrs. Margaret Neff of Cota avenue, Torrance, who will tell of her work as an industrial nurse.

Mrs. Ernestine Mannat, chairman of the nominating committee, requests that members be prompt in mailing their recommendations concerning a slate of new officers for next year.

**PTAers Plan Tea May 29**

At the May meeting of the North Torrance Elementary PTA board, conducted by Mrs. Ralph McBee, president, volunteers were requested to assist with pre-school registrations.

Plans were completed for a Teachers Tea to be held in the home of Mrs. Barton Davidson on Tuesday, May 29. Donations of pies, cookies, coffee, tea, sugar, cream and napkins were made by board members.

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